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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR ARCH A. MOORE, JR. N

MAY 16-18, 1975: CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ

AND FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI

1. GOVERNOR MOORE WAS RECEIVED ON MAY 16 BY FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI. THE CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF WARM PLEASANTRIES. WHEN THE GOVERNOR BEGAN TO TALK KNOWLEDGEABLY ABOUT COAL PRODUCTION AND TRANSFORMATION, OLSZOWSKI SMILINGLY REMARKED THAT HE WOULD LEAVE THIS SUBJECT TO BE PURSUED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, WITHIN WHOSE COMPETENCE IT MORE PROPERLY FELL.

2. THE MEETING WITH JAROSZEWICZ INVOLVED MORE SUBSTANCE. THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE PRODUCTION AND TRANSFORMATION OF COAL, JAROSZEWICZ STRONGLY AND REPEATEDLY URGED THE GOVERNOR TO RETURN SOON TO POLAND, WITH AIDES WHO WERE CONCERNED WITH COAL-MINING, SO THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT COULD SHOW HIM SOME MINES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE KATOWICE AREA. THE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO DO THIS, BUT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF A SPECIFIC TIME.

3. JAROSZEWICZ WAS PARTICULARLY EMPHATIC IN URGING THE DESIRABILITY OF A VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD THIS YEAR, PERHAPS FOLLOWING THE PRESUMPTIVE CSCE STATE III SUMMIT IN HELSINKI. JAROSZEWICZ STRESSED THE WARMTH
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OF THE WELCOME THE PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE IN POLAND

AND INDICATED THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF POLES WOULD TURN OUT TO CHEER HIM.

4. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT AND ENDED VERY WARMLY AS THE GOVERNOR GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER AND ORIGINAL COPY OF A WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN 1806. THE PRIME MINISTER SEEMED TOUCHED BY THIS GESTURE AND DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE VALUE OF THE NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

5. JUST BEFORE HE LEFT WARSAW ON MAY 18, GOVERNOR MOORE TOLD ME HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MEANT WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE POPULAR ACCLAIM AND CORDIALITY WITH WHICH THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE WELCOMED IF HE SHOULD VISIT WARSAW. THE GOVERNOR SAID HE INTENDED, IN REPORTING TO THE PRESIDENT ON HIS VISIT, TO PASS THIS IMPRESSION ON AND TO URGE THAT, CONSONANT WITH ALL HIS OTHER PRIORITIES, THE PRESIDENT GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO COMING TO WARSAW AT A CONVENIENT TIME. I ASSURED THE GOVERNOR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER DID INDEED MEAN WHAT HE HAD SAID AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT IN THE TERMS HE HAD OUTLINED.

6. COMMENT: GOVERNOR MOORE MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON THE POLISH OFFICIALS WHOM HE MET. HIS DESIGNATION AS THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OPENING OF THE FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON EXHIBIT WAS APPRECIATED. A NUMBER OF POLES, BOTH OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS, HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY TO ME ABOUT THE SINCERITY WITH WHICH HE SPOKE AT THE EXHIBIT OPENING AND THE STRONG SENSE OF POLISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WHICH HIS SPEECH IMPARTED. GOVERNOR MOORE WAS A FINE CHOICE FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT. I HOPE HE CAN RETURN SOON FOR A LOOK AT SOME POLISH COAL MINES.

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